GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1614
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Social Security for Senior Citizens
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of persons above the age of 60 in the country covered with any form of health and life insurance, Statewise;

(b) whether the Government is aware of the recent report released by Agwell Research and Advocacy Centre, which claimed that most of India's senior citizens do not have a stable source of income and at the same time need to pay for rising medical costs;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon along with the other key findings of the report; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government for the welfare of the senior citizens and the funds allocated for them annually during the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(a) The State-wise list of percentage of persons above the age of 60 years covered under Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) being implemented by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoH&FW) is annexed.

(b) No such report has come to the notice of the Government.

(c) In view of (b) above, does not arise.

(d) Government had launched Varishtha Pension Bima Yojana (VPBY) - 2014 on 14th August, 2014, which is a social security scheme for Senior Citizens intended to give an assured minimum pension to them based on a guaranteed minimum return of 9% on the subscription amount. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoH&FW) is implementing Senior Citizen's Health Insurance Scheme for Senior Citizens of age 60 years and above, belonging to Below Poverty Line (BPL) and 11 other defined designated categories such as MGNREGA workers, Construction workers, Domestic workers, Sanitation workers, Mine workers, licensed Railway Porters, Street Vendors, Beedi workers, Rickshaw Pullers, Rag Pickers and Auto/Taxi drivers w.e.f. 01.04.2016 as top up of RSBY. The health coverage is upto Rs. 30,000/- per annum per senior citizen for treatment packages, over and above RSBY entitlement.
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Annexure referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1614 for 10.03.2017

Percentage of persons above the age of 60 covered under Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (As on 28.02.2017)

S.No.	State	No. of persons above 60 years of Age
1	Assam	433000
2	Bihar	1349496
3	Chhattisgarh	1549764
4	Gujarat	556350
5	Himachal Pradesh	130587
6	Karnataka	1385658
7	Kerala	17,87,775
8	Manipur	11,321
9	Meghalaya	44617
10	Mizoram	71613
11	Nagaland	75450

12 Odisha 1998873
13 Tripura 89716
14 West Bengal 3229702
Total 12713922

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